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The Cabinet Committee on Safety, Security and Emergencies

Le Comité du Cabinet chargé de la Sécurité et des urgences

Minutes

A meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Safety, Security and Emergencies was held at Postal Station B, on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Procès-verbal

Une réunion du Comité du Cabinet chargé de la Sécurité et des urgences a eu lieu à la succursale Postale B, le dimanche 6 février 2022 à 14h00.

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Present

The President of the Queen’s Privy Council
for Canada and Minister of Emergency
Preparedness
*(Mr. Blair),
In the Chair,
The Minister of Indigenous Services and
Minister responsible for the Federal
Economic Development Agency for
Northern Ontario
*(Ms. Hajdu),
The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of
Finance
*(Ms. Freeland),
The Minister of Intergovernmental
Affairs, Infrastructure and
Communities
*(Mr. LeBlanc),
The Minister of Health
*(Mr. Duclos),
The Minister of Agriculture and
Agri-Food
*(Ms. Bibeau),
The Minister of Labour
*(Mr. O’Regan),
The Minister of Justice and Attorney
General of Canada
*(Mr. Lametti),
The minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the
Canadian Coast Guard
*(Ms. Murray),
The Minister of National Defence
*(Ms. Anand),
The President of the Treasury Board
*(Ms. Fortier),
The Minister of Public Safety
*(Mr. Mendicino),
The Minister of Transport
*(Mr. Alghabra).

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Also present

Ms. Z. Astravas
(Office of the Minister of Public Safety
and Emergency Preparedness),
Mr. D. Stevens
(Treasury Board Secretariat),
Ms. M. Kovacevic
(Finance Canada),
Mr. R. Stewart
(Public Safety Canada),
Mr. W. Eyre
Mr. B. Matthews
(National Defence),
Mr. F. Daigle
(Justice Canada),
Mr. M. Keenan
(Transport Canada),

Étaient présents

Le président du Conseil privé de la Reine
pour le Canada et ministre de la
Protection civile
*(M. Blair),
Président,
La ministre des Services aux Autochtones et
ministre responsable de l’Agence fédérale de
développement économique pour le Nord de
l’Ontario
*(Mme Hajdu),
La vice-première ministre et ministre
des Finances
*(Mme Freeland),
Le ministre des Affaires
Intergouvernementales, de l’Infrastructure et
des Collectivités
*(M. LeBlanc),
Le ministre de la Santé
*(M. Duclos),
La ministre de l’Agriculture et de
l’Agroalimentaire
*(Mme Bibeau),
Le ministre du Travail
*(M. O’Regan),
Le ministre de la Justice et procureur général
du Canada
*(M. Lametti),
La ministre des Pêches, des Océans et de la
Garde côtière canadienne
*(Mme Murray),
La ministre de la Défense nationale
*(Mme Anand),
La présidente du Conseil du Trésor
*(Mme Fortier),
Le ministre de la Sécurité publique
*(M. Mendicino),
Le ministre des Transports
*(M. Alghabra).

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Étaient aussi présents

Mme Z. Astravas
(Cabinet du ministre de la Sécurité
publique et de la Protection civile),
M. D. Stevens
(Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor),
Mme M. Kovacevic
(Finances Canada),
M. R. Stewart
(Sécurité publique Canada),
M. W. Eyre
M. B. Matthews
(Défense nationale),
M. F. Daigle
(Justice Canada),
M. M. Keenan
(Transports Canada),

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Also present (cont’d)

Mr. J. Ossowski
 (Canadian Border Services Agency),
Mr. D. Vigneault
 (Canadian Security Intelligence
 Service),
Ms. N. Gahimbare
Ms. S. Khalil
Mr. B. Clow
Mr. J. Broadhead
 (Prime Minister’s Office),
Mr. D. MacGillivray
Mr. M. MacDonald
Mr. K. MacKillop
Ms. J. Bodgen
Mr. G. Oldham
 (Privy Council Office),

Interim Clerk of the Privy Council and
Secretary to the Cabinet
 (Ms. J. Charette).

National Security and Intelligence Advisor
to the Prime Minister
 (Ms. J. Thomas).

Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet
(Plans and Consultations)
 (Mr. M. Vandergrift).

Secretary

Mr. J. Hutchinson
 (Privy Council Office).

Recording Secretary

Ms. C. Pharand
 (Privy Council Office).

Étaient aussi présents (suite)

M. J. Ossowski
 (Agence des services frontaliers du Canada),
M. D. Vigneault
 (Service canadien du renseignement de
 sécurité),
Mme N. Gahimbare
Mme S. Khalil
M. B. Clow
M. J. Broadhead
 (Cabinet du Premier ministre),
M. D. MacGillivray
M. M. MacDonald
M. K. MacKillop
Mme J. Bodgen
M. G. Oldham
 (Bureau du Conseil privé),

La greffière intérimaire du Conseil privé et
secrétaire du Cabinet
 (Mme J. Charette).

Conseillère à la sécurité nationale et au
renseignement auprès du Premier ministre
 (Mme J. Thomas).

Le sous-secrétaire du Cabinet
(Planification et Consultations)
 (M. M. Vandergrift).

Secrétaire

M. J. Hutchinson
 (Bureau du Conseil privé).

Secrétaire de séance

Mme C. Pharand
 (Bureau du Conseil privé).

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THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES		LE COMITÉ DU CABINET CHARGÉ DE LA SÉCURITÉ ET DES URGENCES	
AGENDA		ORDRE DU JOUR	
For a meeting to be held via secure device, on Sunday, February 6, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.		Pour la réunion qui aura lieu par appareil sécurisé, Le dimanche 6 février 2022, de 14h00 à 15h30.	
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS		AFFAIRES DU GOUVERNEMENT	
1. Ongoing situation with “Convey Protests” (90 minutes) (no document)		1. Situation actuelle avec les « manifestations de convois » au Canada (90 minutes) (aucun document)	
February 6, 2022		Le 6 février 2022	
Le secrétaire Jeffrey Hutchinson Secretary			

Ongoing situation with “Convey Protests”

Situation actuelle avec les « manifestations de convois » au Canada

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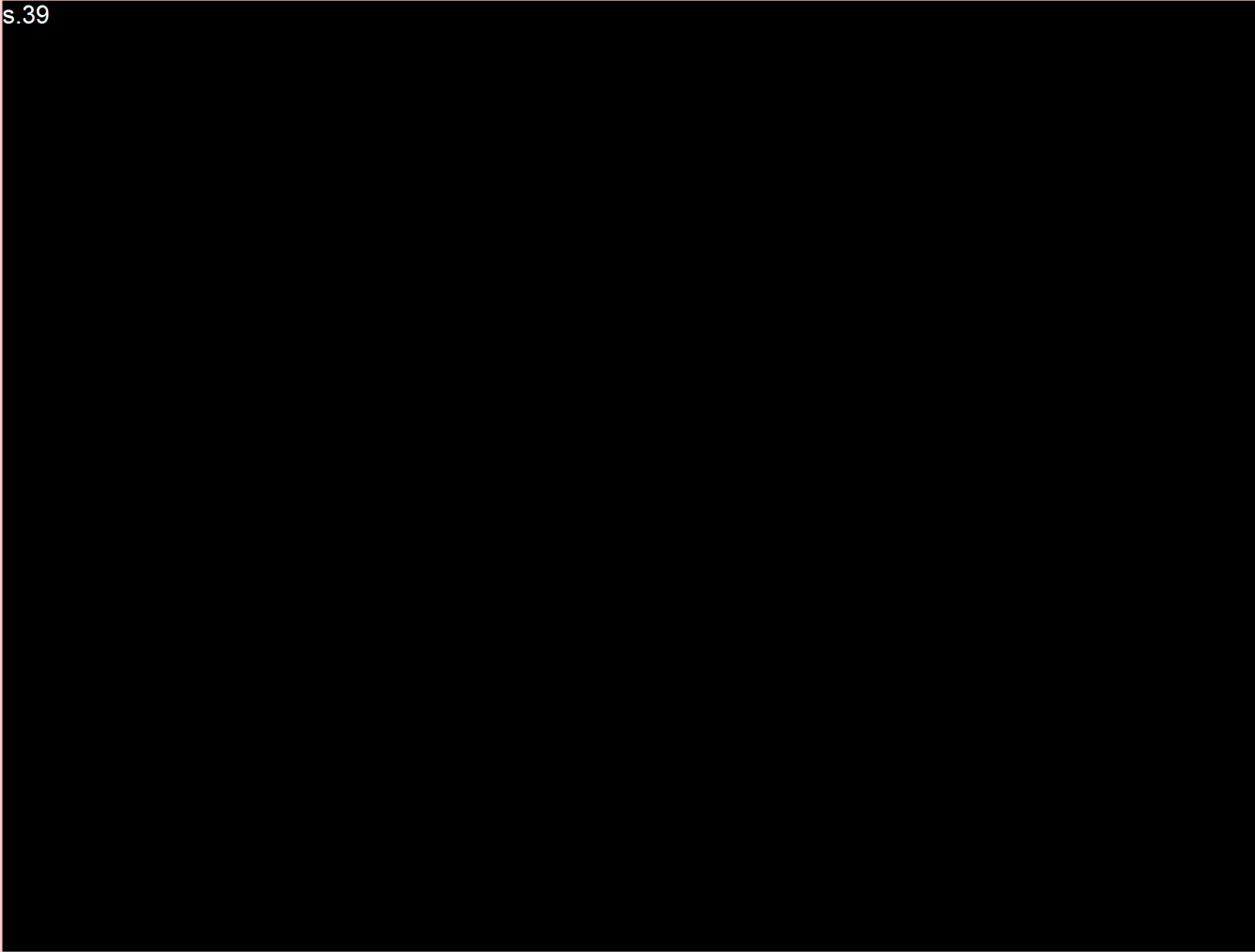
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In introducing the item, the following points were raised:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police provide an update on the current situation in Ottawa including the traffic violations, criminal offences, road closures, and protestor numbers. The Commissioner confirmed that there are seven organizers responsible for approximately 80% of protestors and there is a willingness to negotiate with senior levels of government. The Commissioner confirmed that the RCMP continues to respond to requests for support deploying officers to Ottawa and participating in daily briefings. The Commissioner provided an overview of protests over the weekend across Canada including British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec;
- 2. The Director of Canadian Security and Intelligence Service provided an update on intelligence gathering activities including monitoring target individuals and evidence of foreign interference. Based on CSIS analysis, there are no concerns however, they will continue to monitor;
- 3. The Deputy Minister of Public Safety provided an overview of engagements to date with the City of Ottawa, and the province of Ontario. The Deputy Minister stated that there is a clear indication that the City of Ottawa will declare a state of emergency. An emergency council meeting is planned for Monday to identify options which will likely result in a request to the Government of Canada for police support. The Deputy Minister indicated that the Ottawa Police Services view the dismantling of structures at Confederation Park a success and will continue to enforce further. The Deputy Minister reiterated the views of provincial colleagues that negotiation is the ongoing preferred option for resolution at this time;
- 4. The President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness provided an overview of the various roles related to enforcement reiterating that this is Ottawa’s jurisdiction as defined in provincial legislation. The legislation is clear that when the situation exceeds local police capacity a request can be made to the provincial solicitor general and provincial police for support. This has not happened formally, however, the Ontario Provincial Police are sending resources to Ottawa.

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5. The Minister of Public Safetys.39
stated that Alberta has submitted a Request for Assistance to the Government of Canada for support in managing the situation in Coutts. In South Western Ontario, there is a blockade restricting traffic out of Canada but allowing vehicles into the country. There are also discussion about a potential blockade on the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor;

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7. The Minister of Transports.39
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s.39 The Minister indicated that he has contacted his provincial counterparts to understand enforcement of trucking rules and/or obligations under insurance policies, traffic act, or others.

During the course of the discussion, the following points were raised:

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2. The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada indicated that he spoke to the Attorney General of Ontario regarding the situation in OttawaSolicitor-Client Priv.

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The following points were also raised:

1. The President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness shared with the Committee members that he and the Minister of Public Safety received a request from the province of Alberta for the provision of equipment and personnel to ease issues at the Coutts border crossing;
2. Alberta submitted a Request for Assistance on February 5th, 2022 indicating that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have exhausted all local and regional options to alleviate disruptions at the Coutts, Alberta border crossing. The letter requests the provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles from the area;

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